

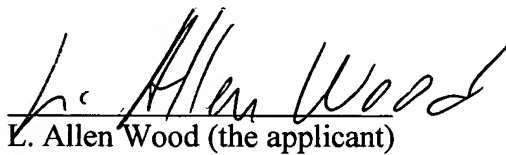
### REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to present a new set of claim for examination. The new set of claims reads on the elected invention. Withdrawn claims 18-20 are being cancelled.

Since the total number of pending claims is now 23, three of them being independent, an additional claim fee of \$27 is being paid concurrently.

Examination of the application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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